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Bill No.		Title and Summary	Diocesan Analysis/Catholic Social Doctrine implicated	Bill Status
HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE	HOUSE
HB 52	Thurston	Intergenerational Poverty Solution: creates the Earned Income and Education Savings Incentive Program (the program), including: providing a process for an individual identified by the Department of Workforce Services as experiencing intergenerational poverty to receive a state match of deposits into certain 529 savings accounts; providing for the sharing of information between the Department of Workforce Services, the Utah Educational Savings Plan, and the State Tax Commission; and requiring the Department of Workforce Services and the Utah Educational Savings Plan to provide information about the program to the Legislature; and sets a termination date for the program but requires legislative review before the termination date to determine whether the Legislature should extend the program.	Support concept. The Diocese strongly supported a state Earned Income Tax Credit, but has equally strong reservations about telling families what their priorities should be for spending the credit.	HC
HB 65	Dailey-Provost	Abortion Amendments: removes provisions requiring a physician to verify a report has been made to law enforcement before the physician performs an abortion on an adult woman who is pregnant as a result of rape or incest.	Oppose as against the dignity and sanctity of life. Requiring physicians to ensure a crime of violence is reported also provides the victim with access to all services available to victims.	HCHold
HB89	Harrison	Workforce Development Incentives Amendments: defines the term "working parent benefits"; and provides that the Governor's Office of Economic Development may consider whether an employer will provide working parent benefits when awarding certain economic development tax credits.	Support as respecting the dignity of work and promoting family.	HC

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HB 90	Romero	Child Abuse Reporting Requirements: deletes provisions that exempt a member of the clergy from being required to report child abuse and neglect when receiving a confession.	Oppose as violating religious liberty and potentially causing more harm by discouraging perpetrators from coming forward and victims from seeking assistance.	H
HB 93	Dailey-Provost	End of Life Prescription Provisions: Legalizes assisted suicide in Utah.	Oppose as violating the dignity and sanctity of life. For a more complete analysis and talking points, visit https://www.dioslc.org/outreach/government-liason-peace-and-justice-ministry/93-assisted-suicide-and-the-sanctity-of-life	H
HB 97	Arent	Newborn Safe Haven Amendments: subject to certain requirements, allows a parent or a parent's designee to safely relinquish a newborn child within 30 days after the day on which the child is born; clarifies the type of information that must be provided to the Division of Child and Family Services, within the Department of Human Services, upon safe relinquishment of a newborn child; clarifies certain notice requirements relating to the safe relinquishment of a newborn child; requires the Department of Health to make rules relating to the resolution of conflicting birth and founding certificates.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life	PHC PH PSC S
HB 109	King	Universal Background Checks for Firearm Purchasers: requires background checks for the transfer of a firearm between persons who are not federal firearms licensees; creates exceptions for family members, law enforcement agencies and officers, and others; allows for temporary transfers under specific circumstances.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	HCT

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HB 116 3rd Sub	Romero	Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls, and LGBTQ+ Task Force: creates the task force; and specifies duties of the task force including identifying systemic causes behind violence that indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+ experience, including patterns and underlying factors that explain why disproportionately high levels of violence occur against indigenous women, girls, and LGBTQ+.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	PHC PH PSC S
HB 144	Andersen	Modifications to Human Trafficking Provisions: creates the Human Trafficking Education Program; provides development and content requirements for the program; requires employees of sexually oriented businesses to complete the program; directs government agencies overseeing the licensure of sexually oriented businesses to require applicants to complete the program.	Support as promoting the dignity of life, though several other businesses should be added to the list.	PHC H
HB 210	Ward	Insurance Coverage for Children Amendments: requires the Medicaid program and the Utah Children's Health Insurance Program to: allow automatic payments for premiums; share information about Medicaid or Utah Children's Health Insurance Program enrollee renewal dates with accountable care organizations under certain circumstances; and study ways to improve notification and renewal processes for families with children.	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life and providing preferential option for the poor. The bill is one step toward reducing Utah's disturbingly high rate of uninsured children.	H Now an appropriati on only
HB 319	Daw	Consumer Lending Amendments: amends registration requirements for deferred deposit lenders; amends reporting requirements for deferred deposit lenders; amends operational requirements for deferred deposit lenders; amends reporting requirements for the Commissioner of Financial Institutions regarding deferred deposit lenders; amends provisions relating to bail bonds; amends provisions related to damages to party aggrieved	Support as providing preferential option for the poor enacting additional protections for consumers against predatory lending practices.	PHC PH PSC S

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HB 364	Christianse n	Abortion Revisions: requires a medical professional to do the following before a pregnant woman may give informed consent to an abortion: perform an ultrasound on the pregnant woman; describe the images produced by the ultrasound; make audible the fetal heartbeat, if possible; and provide written confirmation to the pregnant woman stating that the medical professional complied with the requirements; provides that a pregnant woman may choose not to view the images produced by the ultrasound and not to listen to the fetal heartbeat; adds certain record keeping requirements for a physician performing an abortion; imposes a fine on a physician that performs an abortion on a pregnant woman who has not received an ultrasound; requires the Department of Health to: create, and make available online, a form to be signed by a physician or qualified technician performing the mandatory ultrasound; and provide a list of organizations that offer a free or low cost ultrasound.	Support the concept as promoting the sanctity of life. While we support the recognition that life begins at conception, the bill raises some technical questions.	HCHold
HB 394	Coleman	Homeless and Transitional Housing Amendments: creates the position of state homeless services director within the division; describes the duties of the state homeless services director; modifies provisions regarding the Homeless Coordinating Committee (committee), including: the committee's membership; and that the state homeless services director has final decision making authority after considering the recommendations of the committee; modifies the authorized uses and oversight of the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Account, the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account, and the Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Restricted Account	Watching. The bill makes significant changes to a process designed to improve services to people experiencing homelessness that is still in development.	HC
HB 401	Eliason	Homeless Resource Center Drug Free Zone: modifies the penalty for certain controlled substance offenses when the	Oppose as against preferential option for the poor and sanctity of life. The bill would discourage people experiencing	HC

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		offense is committed in or on the grounds of a homeless resource center that meets certain qualifications.	homelessness who also suffer from a substance abuse disorder from accessing the lifesaving services at the homeless resource centers.	
HB 440	Eliason	Homeless Services Funding Amendments: modifies how the Homeless Coordinating Committee, with the concurrence of the Housing and Community Development Division, may use money from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account; modifies the funding and authorized uses of the Homeless Reform Restricted Account, including the use of proceeds from the state sale of land at 210 South Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City, which was the location of a former homeless shelter.	Support as protecting preferential option for the poor.	H
HB 460	Briscoe	Firearms Removal Amendments: enacts the Firearms Restraining Order Act; defines terms; enables a family member, medical professional, or law enforcement officer to ask a court to restrain a person from possessing any firearms or ammunition for a specified length of time; requires the courts to develop and adopt uniform forms for all courts; requires that the court consider whether the respondent: has made recent threats or acted violently; violated a recent protective order; has demonstrated a pattern of violent acts or threats within the past 12 months; is dangerous; or has attempted or threatened self-harm; allows a court to issue a search warrant if a respondent refuses to surrender firearms and ammunition upon service of an order; requires the courts to report the respondent's information to the Bureau of Criminal Identification upon issuance, and to remove the information upon expiration; requires the respondent to surrender firearms and ammunition to a law enforcement	Support as protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	H

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		agency; provides for disposal if the firearms and ammunition are not reclaimed upon expiration; requires the director of POST to create and implement training and materials; and requires the courts to create and distribute an annual report on firearms restraining orders.		
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SB 39	Anderegg	Affordable Housing Amendments: modifies the allowable uses for a community reinvestment agency's housing allocation; modifies the requirements for distributing money from the Olene Walker Housing Loan Fund; authorizes the Housing and Community Development Division (the division) to partner with one or more housing authorities or other entities to provide rental assistance; authorizes the division to partner with the State Board of Education and one or more housing authorities or other entities to identify and to provide rental assistance to families with children who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness; allows low-income housing tax credits to be assigned to another tax payer; modifies the distribution of excess money in the Unclaimed Property Trust Fund.	Support as protecting the dignity of life and providing preferential option for the poor.	PSC S
SB 67 3rd Sub	Bramble	Disposition of Fetal Remains: Requires a health care facility having possession of an aborted fetus or miscarried fetus to provide for the final disposition of the fetal remains; requires a health care facility to provide certain information to a woman regarding the disposition of an aborted fetus or miscarried fetus; requires a health care provider to notify a woman regarding the right to determine the final disposition of the remains of the aborted fetus before performing an abortion; amends the Funeral Services Licensing Act to allow for the disposition of certain fetal remains.	Support as protecting the dignity of human life.	PSC PS PHC HR H

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SB 164	Escamilla	Social Impact Services: provides that a county may levy a property tax for the purpose of providing social impact services; addresses the requirements of the property tax.	Support as providing preferential option for the poor.	SCHold
SB 165	Escamilla	Emergency Response Plans for Homelessness: Requires certain local oversight bodies to develop an emergency response plan to respond to conditions that pose a risk to the health or safety of homeless individuals and families.	Support as providing preferential option for the poor and protecting the dignity and sanctity of life.	PSC PS H
SB 174	McCay	Abortion Prohibition Amendments: prohibits an abortion at any stage of a pregnant woman's pregnancy, except under certain circumstances; provides penalties for a physician who performs an unlawful abortion; and provides that, upon enactment, the provisions of this bill supercede any conflicting provisions.	Watching. We support protection of life from conception, but some provisions of the bill fail to do so and criminal penalties have not proven to be the best method to accomplish the goal.	PSC PS H
SCR 12	Cullimore	Concurrent Resolution Concerning Climate Action: recognizes the risks to the state, its economy and citizens, of standing by while global carbon emissions grow unchecked; outlines the benefits to the state of encouraging federal action to reduce carbon emissions; urges Utah's federal delegation to the United States Congress to consider a bipartisan national solution to address climate change known as carbon dividends; commends a nationwide plan; and recognizes effects of carbon dividend solution.	Support as promoting care of creation.	S

Key: C-Committee E-Enrolled H-House S-Senate F-Failed P-passed V-Vetoed by Governor GO-sent to Governor's Office for Action